Ban on Display of Portraits of Netaji

1593. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a ban exists on the display of Netaji's portraits in Army offices; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Inter-State Council under Article 263

1594. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Article 263 which confers power to form an Inter-State Council has been kept by Government as a dead-letter in our Constitution; and

(b) whether there have been demands from the State Governments to form Inter-State Councils under Article 263?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. This matter is, however, under consideration of the Commission on Centre-State Relations.

Percentage of Women in All India Services

1595. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of women who get through in All India Services examinations like I.A.S., I.P.S., etc.; and

(b) what measures are being taken by Government to increase the percentage of successful candidates among women?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) *Percentage of Women in All India Services*: Among the total number of candidates appointed to the IAS & IPS on the basis of Civil Services Examination held in the years 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985, the number and percentage of women candidates is given below:

Year of Exam.	Total number appointed		Total No. of women candidates		Percentage of women candidat es	
	I.A.S.	I.P.S.	I.A.S.	I.P.S.	I.A.S.	I.P.S
1981	145	65	14	4	9.7%	6.1%
1982	156	71	18	4	11.5%	5.6%
1983	143	85	16	2	11·1%	2.3%
1984	160	101	16	1	10.0%	1.0%
1985	137	*	12	*	8·8%	*

*Yet to be appointed.

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions have undertaken a study on "Constraints faced by Women for taking Civil Services Examination" to find out the reasons for the continuing small percentage of women joining these Services on the basis of Civil Services Examination and to suggest measures to remove the constraints, if any.